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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Masahiro SUZUKI et al.

Group Art Unit: 2612

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AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
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Sir:

In reply to the July 31, 2002 Office Action, the shortened statutory period for reply being extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 32-35, 37-40 and 42-45 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application to pursue these claims.

REMARKS

Claims 1-31, 36 and 41 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 32-35, 37-40 and 42-45 are canceled. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

I. THE CLAIMS DEFINE PATENTABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Office Action rejects claims 1-4, 10-17, 20-25, 28-31, 36 and 41 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent 4,937,673 to Saito et al. in view of U.S. Patent 4,660,102 to

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